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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 11, 2002

To: Advisory Committee on Managed Health Care

From: G. Lewis Chartrand, Jr.
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Re: Health and Safety Code § 1368.2 Hospice Care Report

Director Zingale has requested that I respond on his behalf. Health and Safety Code § 1368.2(f) requires the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care to report to the Advisory Committee on Managed Health Care, on January 15th of each year, any changes in the federal hospice regulations that differ materially from the regulations then in effect for this section. The only change to the federal regulations was a technical change to the name of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Therefore, for the current reporting period, the hospice care that Health and Safety Code § 1368.2(f) requires is consistent with the federal hospice regulations.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 322-6727.

cc: Daniel Zingale, Director, Department of Managed Health Care
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